

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Wolf Creek, Laurel Creek, and Dry Run in Bland, Giles, and Tazewell Counties. These streams are listed on the 2012 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the State Water Control Law requires DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) Priority List and Report.

The impaired segments include: 28.7 miles of Wolf Creek from the Little Creek confluence in Tazewell County downstream to the confluence with the New River in Giles County; 1.60 miles of Laurel Creek in Bland County extending the confluence of Dry Fork downstream to the confluence with Wolf Creek; 5.0 miles of Dry Fork in Bland County extending from East River Mountain to the WV state line downstream to North Gap excluding the headwaters.

The final public meeting on the development of the TMDL to address the bacteria impairments for these segments will be held on March 26, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bland County High School Room 111A, 176 Eagles Road, Rocky Gap, VA. In the event of inclement weather the meeting will be held at the same location on March 31, 2015.

The public comment period will begin on March 26, 2015 and end on April 27, 2015.

A component of a TMDL is the Waste Load Allocations (WLAs); therefore, this notice is provided pursuant to §2.2-4006.A.14 of the Administrative Process Act for any future adoption of the TMDL's associated WLAs. Information on the development of the TMDLs for these impairments is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to:

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Please note, all written comments should include name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to DEQ contact person:

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